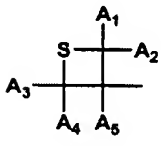
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A compound comprising one or two or more thietane groups and a metal atom in a molecule.

2. (Original) A compound comprising one or two or more thietane groups represented by the general formulae (1) and/or (2) and a metal atom in a molecule.



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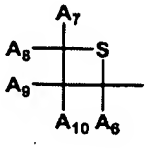


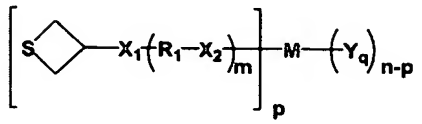
(2)

wherein, in the formula, A_1 to A_{10} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent inorganic or organic residue.

3. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 2, wherein the metal atom is a Sn atom, a Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ge atom, a Ti atom, a Zn atom, an Al atom, a Fe atom, a Cu atom, a Pt atom, a Pb atom, an Au atom or an Ag atom.

4. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 2, wherein the metal atom is a Sn atom, a Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ti atom, a Ge atom, an Al atom, a Pb atom or a Zn atom.

5. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 2, represented by the general formula (3),



(3)

wherein, in the formula, M represents a metal atom; X_1 and X_2 each independently represent a sulfur atom or an oxygen atom; R_1 represents a divalent organic group; m represents an integer of 0 or 1 or more; p represents an integer of from 1 to n; q represents an integer of from 1 to (n-p); n represents a valence of a metal atom M; Yq each independently represent an inorganic or organic residue; and when q is 2 or more, Yq may be bonded to one another for forming a ring structure with the intermediary of a metal atom M.

6. (Previously Presented) A polymerizable composition comprising at least one or more kinds of the compounds as described in claim 2.

7. (Original) A resin obtained by polymerization of the polymerizable composition as described in claim 6.

8. (Original) An optical component composed of the resin as described in claim 7.

9. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the metal atom is a Sn atom, a Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ge atom, a Ti atom, a Zn atom, an Al atom, a Fe atom, a Cu atom, a Pt atom, a Pb atom, an Au atom or an Ag atom.

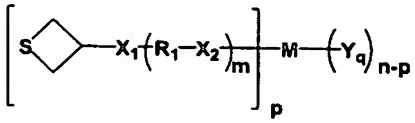
10. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the metal atom is a Sn atom, a Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ti atom, a Ge atom, an Al atom, a Pb atom or a Zn atom.

11. (Previously Presented) A polymerizable composition comprising at least one or more kinds of the compounds as described in claim 1.

12. (Previously Presented) A resin obtained by polymerization of the polymerizable composition as described in claim 11.

13. (Previously Presented) An optical component composed of the resin as described in claim 12.

14. (New) The compound according to claim 1, represented by the general formula (3),



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